Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original). An improved tap handle for use with a beverage dispensing apparatus comprising:

(a) a hollow elongated shell having an open end; and

(b) a hardened foam disposed within said shell.

Claim 2 (Original). A tap handle according to claim 1, wherein said shell is comprised, at least in part, of ceramic material.

Claim 3 (Original). A tap handle according to claim 2, wherein said ceramic material is stoneware.

Claim 4 (Original). A tap handle according to claim 2, wherein said ceramic material is porcelain.

Claim 5 (Original). A tap handle according to claim 1, wherein said shell is comprised, at least in part, of plastic.

Claim 6 (Original). A tap handle according to claim 1, wherein said shell is comprised, at least in part, of resin.

Claim 7 (Original). A tap handle according to claim 1, wherein said shell is comprised, at least in part, of wood.

Claim 8 (Original). A tap handle according to claim 1 additionally comprising a layer of glue disposed inside said shell proximate to said open end between said foam and said open end.

Claim 9 (Original). A tap handle according to claim 8 additionally comprising an annular, metal ferrule having internal threads and a top and bottom and being disposed in said interior of said shell, said bottom abutting said glue.

Claim 10 (Original). A tap handle according to claim 9 additionally comprising an annular plastic cap attached to said top of said ferrule.

Claim 11 (Original). A tap handle according to claim 1 wherein said foam is polyurethane foam.

Claim 12 (Original). A tap handle according to claim 11 wherein said foam is polymeric diphenylmethane diisocyanate foam.

Claim 13 (Original). A resilient, shatter resistant ceramic ware comprising an elongate, hollow shell having at least one opening with a hardened polyurethane foam filling such that said foam adheres to and reinforces said shell.

Claim 14 (Original). The ceramic ware of claim 13, wherein said foam is a polymeric diphenylmethane diisocyanate foam.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn). A method of manufacturing a safety tap handle for use in beverage dispensing comprising the steps of:

(a) firing an elongated ceramic shell having an open end;

(b) injecting liquid foam into said shell such that it is 80-90% filled; and

(c) curing said foam until it is hardened and adheres to said shell;

thereby rendering said tap handle resilient and resistant to breaking and sharding.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn). The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of monitoring and adjusting the temperature of the cooling foam following step (b).

Claim 17 (Withdrawn). The method of claim 15 further comprising the step (d) of injecting a plug of glue proximal to said open end and abutting said hardened foam.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn). The method of claim 17 further comprising the step (e) of inserting a ferrule at said open end in said glue plug.

Claim 19 (New) An improved tap handle for use with a beverage dispensing apparatus comprising:

(a) a hollow elongated shell having an open end;

(b) a hardened foam disposed within said shell;

(c) a layer of glue disposed inside said shell proximate to said open end between said foam and said open end;

(d) an annular, metal ferrule having internal threads and a top and bottom and being disposed in said interior of said shell, said bottom abutting said glue; and

(e) an annular plastic cap attached to said top of said ferrule.

Claim 20 (New) An improved tap handle for use with a beverage dispensing apparatus comprising:

(a) a hollow elongated shell having an open end; and

(b) a hardened foam injected into said shell.